

REMARKS

Claims 65-83 and 85-98 remain in this application. Claim 98 has been added. No claims have been added, cancelled, or amended. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for granting the telephonic interview that was conducted in the present application on November 16, 2005 at 9:30 MST for about an hour. The participants in the interview included the Examiner and the undersigned. The purpose of the interview was to discuss the amendment and response filed on 10/24/05. The substance of the interview included a verbal summary the arguments that were previously presented in the response that was filed on 10/24/05, and a discussion of claim 65 with regard to Pub. No. US 2002/0071797 to Loffler et al. Examiner indicated he would reconsider these references before issuing the next Office Action. Applicant mentioned that they planned to submit the present Supplemental Amendment including a claim of narrower scope than pending claim 65 in order to have claims of both broad and intermediate scope. No firm agreements were reached. No exhibits were shown or demonstrated.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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